

Washington, DC - Rep. Linda Sánchez voted with her colleagues today to pass a House Resolution honoring first responders and paying tribute to the victims of the Southern California wildfires. Los Angeles County Fire Captain Tedmund 'Ted' Hall and Firefighter Specialist Arnaldo 'Arnie' Quinones lost their lives on August 30 in the Los Angeles National Forest.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the Hall and Quinones families, who lost two heroes that made the ultimate sacrifice trying to save the lives of others," said Rep. Sánchez. "And my thoughts are with the firefighters and first responders still standing in harm's way."

H. Res. 724 condemns the acts of arson that ignited the Los Angeles County Station Fire and extends appreciation to the volunteers, law enforcement, and medical personnel for helping evacuees, sheltering the displaced, and treating injuries in recent weeks.

"Our California firefighters battle incredible obstacles - searing heat, unstable terrain, heavy equipment - all in an effort to save the lives and homes of others," continued Sánchez. "We pay tribute today and extend our deepest gratitude to every hero in Southern California who has volunteered, helped evacuees, sheltered the displaced, or helped treat injuries in the last few weeks."